GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4102
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REGULATOR OF AUDITORS
UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are processing a proposal for creation of an Independent Regulator of Auditors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the Government would be able to initiate direct proceedings against auditing companies whenever necessary?

Answer

MINISTER OF FINANCE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) No such proposal is under consideration as at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For non-compliance of the relevant provisions of Companies Act, Government can directly move against Chartered Accountants under section 233 of the Companies Act, 1956.